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Executive Summary

The Rocky Flats Plant (RFP) has been part of a nationwide Department of Energy complex for the research, development, and production of nuclear weapons. The plant was responsible for fabricating nuclear weapons components from plutonium, uranium, beryllium, and stainless steel. The primary production activities included metal fabrication and assembly, chemical recovery and purification of process-produced transuranic radionuclides, and related quality control functions.

This mission changed with the announcement in early 1992 that certain planned weapons systems had been canceled. The RFP is no longer a weapons component production facility, but is now in a transition phase into decontamination and disposition (D&D). Primary objectives of this new mission include meeting and maintaining environmental regulatory requirements as well as effecting proper D&D steps that are under development.

Because radioactive and chemically hazardous materials may be used or handled at the RFP for transition purposes, the plant maintains an extensive environmental protection program. Included in that program is regular monitoring for radioactive and hazardous constituents at onsite, plant boundary, and offsite locations. This Monthly Environmental Monitoring Report provides a summary of environmental monitoring data collected by the RFP. Summarized below are highlights from the major data categories presented. Remaining data presented in this report are within the ranges historically measured for their respective parameters and locations.

Radiation standards for protection of the public are discussed in Appendix A of this report. The primary standards are based on calculations of radiation dose. These calculations are performed annually using monitoring data presented in the Monthly Environmental Monitoring Report. Radiation doses to the public from RFP operations are typically well below any regulatory limit and far less than are received from naturally occurring radiation sources in the Denver metropolitan area (see Appendix A).

July 1992 Monitoring Data - Environmental monitoring data for the month of July is limited because of ongoing technical difficulties experienced by the Radiological Health Laboratory at RFP. The laboratory was shut down by the Waste Engineering

department of EG&G Rocky Flats on June 2, 1992, because of problems with the laboratory's aqueous waste transfer system. A leak into the secondary containment of that system led to the identification of the need for upgrades to the secondary containment. Repair work was initiated and largely completed, and a Contingency Plan was filed with the Colorado Department of Health (CDH) that allowed the laboratory to return to partial operational status in early July. However, on July 31, 1992, a sump pump used for transfer of laboratory aqueous process wastes failed, resulting in suspension of laboratory electroplating operations. On August 4, 1992, a leak test of aqueous process waste lines identified other leaks in the system, and all laboratory analyses that would generate aqueous process waste were suspended. Repairs on these lines are underway. However, the date by which normal laboratory operations may resume remains uncertain. Continued delays in reporting analytical results for environmental monitoring samples are expected.

Total long-lived alpha and beta activity screening, performed on air effluent sample filters and surface water discharge samples prior to radiochemical processing and analysis, has not been affected by the difficulties with the Radiological Health Laboratories, and is continuing on schedule. The results of this screening for July are within normally expected ranges.

NPDES/FFCA Permit Water Sample Results

During the month of July, 1992, there was one exceedence of the RFP Environmental Protection Agency National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System Permit, as modified by the Federal Facilities Compliance Agreement (NPDES/FFCA). The exceedence occurred at the NPDES/FFCA Discharge Location 001-B, the RFP Sewage Treatment Plant (STP). On July 5, 1992, low influent at the STP resulted in excess sulphur dioxide (SO_2) for dechlorination of the STP effluent, and a resulting low pH was reported. The pH was raised by immediate application of lime to the STP, and the effluent pH was measured at above the minimum permit value of 6.0 standard units (SU) within an hour. The EPA was notified within 24 hours of the occurrence and no Notice of Violation has been received by RFP.

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Introduction

This report summarizes the effluent and environmental monitoring programs at the Rocky Flats Plant (RFP) for the month of July 1992. The data presented herein reflect the best information available to the RFP at this time. Should subsequent analyses indicate that any data presented herein are inaccurate or misleading, appropriate revisions will be issued promptly.

Tables 1 through 3 show monitoring results for radioactive and nonradioactive airborne effluents continuously sampled from plant buildings. Tables 4 through 6 summarize environmental monitoring data from the RFP ambient air sampling network. This network is comprised of continuously operating outdoor air samplers located on plantsite, around the plant boundary, and in neighboring communities.

Water sampling results for radioactive constituents are given in Tables 7 through 11. Results are summarized for plant surface water control ponds, for nearby drinking water reservoirs, and for tap water for neighboring communities. Nitrate monitoring for Great Western Reservoir and Standley Lake, the two drinking water reservoirs that can receive surface water discharges from the plant, are summarized in Table 12. Surface water discharges from RFP are currently being diverted around these drinking water reservoirs.

The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has issued to the plant a National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit for control of surface water discharges. Water sampling results associated with the NPDES permit, as modified by a March 25, 1991, Federal Facilities Compliance Agreement (FFCA) with EPA, are reported in Table 13. Applicable NPDES/FFCA limits are included in Table 13 for comparison. Monitoring results for which no limits have been established under the NPDES/FFCA are reported in Table 14. Appendix B

lists the Volatile Organic Compounds (VOCs) for which monitoring is required under the NPDES/FFCA. Analytical results for nonradioactive parameters in water at Walnut Creek at the Indiana Street location are summarized in Table 15. Daily flow data for surface water from the two plant drainage systems (Walnut Creek and Woman Creek) are given in Tables 16 and 17. Daily flow data for water transferred from Pond B-5 to Pond A-4, for subsequent discharge offsite, are given in Table 18. Meteorological data are given in Tables 19 and 20.

Appendix D contains corrections and updates on previously reported information.

Error terms in the form of "a±b" are included with some of the data. For a single sample, "a" is the analytical-blank corrected value; for multiple samples it represents the arithmetic mean, the volume-weighted mean, or the annual total, as indicated in the table. The error term "b" accounts for the propagated statistical counting uncertainty of the sample(s) and the associated analytical blanks at the 95 percent confidence level. These error terms represent a minimum estimate of error for the data.

Plutonium, uranium, americium, tritium, and beryllium measured concentrations are given in this report. Most of the measured concentrations are at or very near background levels, and often there is little or no amount of these materials in the media being analyzed. When this occurs, the results of the laboratory analyses can be expected to show a statistical distribution of positive and negative numbers near zero and numbers that are less than the calculated minimum detectable concentration for the analyses. The laboratory analytical blanks, used to correct for background contributions to the measurements, show a similar statistical distribution around their average values. Negative sample values result when the measured value for a laboratory analytical blank is subtracted from a sample analytical result smaller than the analytical blank value. Results that are less than calculated minimum detectable levels indicate that the results are below the level of statistical confidence in the actual numerical values. All reported results - including negative values and values that are less than minimum detectable levels - are included in any arithmetic calculations on the data set. Reporting all values allows all of the data to be evaluated using appropriate statistical treatment. This assists in identifying any

bias in the analyses, allows better evaluation of distributions and trends in environmental data, and helps in estimating the true sensitivity of the measurement process.

The reader should use caution in interpreting individual values that are negative or less than minimum detectable levels. A negative value has no physical significance. Values less than minimum detectable levels lack statistical confidence as to what the actual number is, although it is known with high confidence that it is below the specified detection level. Such values should not be interpreted as being the actual amount of material in the sample, but should be seen as reflecting a range (from zero to the minimum detectable level) in which the actual amount would likely lie. These values are significant, however, when taken together with other analytical results that indicate that the distribution is near zero.

The data in this report are provided as a matter of courtesy and should not be construed as an application for a permit or license, or in support of such an application. Approval of the Department of Energy should be obtained before publication of any data contained in this report.

Abbreviations used within this report are as defined.

Abbreviations

C Average	Average concentration
C Maximum	Maximum concentration
C Minimum	Minimum concentration
m^3	Cubic meter
m/s	Meters per second
mCi	*Millicurie*
mg/l	Milligrams per liter
mrem	Millirem
pCi/l	Picocuries per liter
pCi/m^3	Picocuries per cubic meter
pH	*Hydrogen ion concentration*
SU	Standard Unit
$\mu g/m^3$	Micrograms per cubic meter
#/100 ml	Number per 100 milliliter
µCi	Microcurie

Table 1

Plutonium and Americium Airborne Effluent Data

Month	Plutonium-239, -240 (06/15/92 - 07/13/92) Release (µCi)	Plutonium-239, -240 (06/15/92 - 07/13/92) C Maximum (pCi/m³)	Americium-241 (05/14/92 - 06/15/92) Release (µCi)	Americium-241 (05/14/92 - 06/15/92) C Maximum (pCi/m³)
1991				
Year to Date	0.843 ± 0.167	0.0030 ± 0.0006	0.1500 ± 0.0680	0.0006 ± 0.0001
1992				
January	0.031 ± 0.011	0.0005 ± 0.0001	0.0103 ± 0.0056	0.0003 ± 0.0001
February	0.024 ± 0.007	0.0002 ± 0.0000	0.0090 ± 0.0061	0.0003 ± 0.0001
March	0.026 ± 0.006[a]	0.0002 ± 0.0001[a]	0.024 ± 0.005[b]	0.0012 ± 0.0002
April	0.023 ± 0.007[c]	0.0001 ± 0.0000	[d]	[d]
May	[d]	[d]	[d]	[d]
June	[d]	[d]	[d]	[d]
July	[d]	[d]		

[a] Nine locations missing because of incomplete lab analysis.
[b] Six locations missing because of incomplete lab analysis.
[c] Four locations missing because of incomplete lab analysis.
[d] Incomplete laboratory analysis.

Table 2

Uranium Airborne Effluent Data

Month	Uranium-233, -234 (06/16/92 - 07/14/92) Release (μCi)	C Maximum (pCi/m³)	Uranium-238 (06/16/92 - 07/14/92) Release (μCi)	C Maximum (pCi/m³)
1991				
Year to Date	0.629 ± 0.233	0.0001 ± 0.0001	1.002 ± 0.235	0.0005 ± 0.0002
1992				
January	-0.1012 ± 0.014	0.0001 ± 0.0000	0.046 ± 0.016	0.0001 ± 0.0001
February	0.0407 ± 0.019	0.0001 ± 0.0000	0.115 ± 0.024	0.0004 ± 0.0001
March	0.036 ± 0.013[a]	0.0001 ± 0.0000	0.071 ± 0.013[a]	0.0007 ± 0.0002
April	0.039 ± 0.019[b]	0.0001 ± 0.0000	0.065 ± 0.020[b]	0.0001 ± 0.0000
May	[c]	[c]	[c]	[c]
June	[c]	[c]	[c]	[c]
July	[c]	[c]	[c]	[c]

a Ten locations missing because of incomplete lab analysis.
b Twelve locations missing because of incomplete lab analysis.
c Incomplete laboratory analysis.

Table 3

Tritium and Beryllium Airborne Effluent Data

Month	Tritium, H-3 (07/01/92 - 07/31/92) Release (μCi)	C Maximum (pCi/m³)	Beryllium (06/154/92 - 07/14/92) Release (grams)	C Maximum (μg/m³)
1991				
Year to Date	4.760	94 ± 55	1.2538 ± 0.083	0.00184
1992				
January	0.129	34 ± 9	0.0485 ± 0.011	0.00042
February	0.090	28 ± 15	0.0496 ± 0.009	0.00019
March		[a]	[a]	
April		[a]	[a]	
May		[a]	[a]	
June		[a]	[a]	
July		[a]	[a]	

NOTE: Beryllium measured at the remaining 44 locations was below the screening level of 0.1 gram per month. Beryllium emissions from Rocky Flats Plant are regulated by the State of Colorado under Colorado Air Quality Control Regulation #8. The limit for beryllium air emissions is 10 grams per stationary source in a 24-hour period.

The calibration methodology for the beryllium analyses was changed beginning with the September 1990 samples to improve quality assurance. The previous procedure used the single-point, "simple method of additions," one of the methods recommended by the manufacturer of the graphite furnace atomic absorption analytical equipment. The current method is based on EPA Contract Laboratory Program protocol. It uses multi-point calibration curves, periodic validation of the curve with EPA validation standards, and periodic blank and sample checks to assure absence of equipment contamination and matrix effects during the analysis. No blank corrections are made to any beryllium data.

[a] Incomplete lab analysis.

Table 4

Plutonium Concentrations in Ambient Air for Onsite Samplers

(06/22/92 - 07/20/92)

Location	Number Composited Monthly Samples	Volume (m^3)	Plutonium Concentration (pCi/m^3)	± 95 percent Confidence Interval (pCi/m^3)
S-01[a]				
S-02[a]				
S-03[a]				
S-04[a]				
S-05[a]				
S-06[a]				
S-07[a]				
S-08[a]				
S-09[a]				
S-10[a]				
S-11[a]				
S-13[a]				
S-14[a]				
S-16[a]				
S-17[a]				
S-18[a]				
S-19[a]				
S-20[a]				
S-21[a]				
S-22[a]				
S-23[a]				
S-24[a]				
S-25[a]				
S-81[a]				

[a] Incomplete lab analysis.

Table 5

Plutonium Concentrations in Ambient Air for Perimeter Samplers

(06/16/92 - 07/28/92)

Location	Number Composited Monthly Samples	Volume (m^3)	Plutonium Concentration (pCi/m^3)	± 95 percent Confidence Interval (pCi/m^3)
S-31[a]				
S-32[a]				
S-33[a]				
S-34[a]				
S-35[a]				
S-36[a]				
S-37[a]				
S-38[a]				
S-39[a]				
S-40[a]				
S-41[a]				
S-42[a]				
S-43[a]				
S-44[a]				

[a] Incomplete lab analysis.

Table 6

Plutonium Concentrations in Ambient Air for Community Samplers

(06/17/92 - 07/29/92)

Location	Community Name	Number Composited Monthly Samples	Volume (m^3)	Plutonium Concentration (pCi/m^3)	± 95 percent Confidence Interval (pCi/m^3)
S-51[a]	Marshall				
S-52[a]	Jeffco Airport				
S-53[a]	Superior				
S-54[a]	Boulder				
S-55[b]	Lafayette				
S-56[a]	Broomfield				
S-57[b]	Walnut Creek				
S-58[a]	Wagner				
S-59[a]	Leyden				
S-60[a]	Westminster				
S-61[c]	Denver				
S-62[a]	Golden				
S-68[a]	Lakeview Pointe				
S-73[a]	Cotton Creek				

a Incomplete lab analysis.

b This sampler was damaged beyond repair and must be replaced.

c Sampler S-61 located in Denver was inoperative during this period. This sampler has been temporarily removed because of construction activities on the building where it is installed.

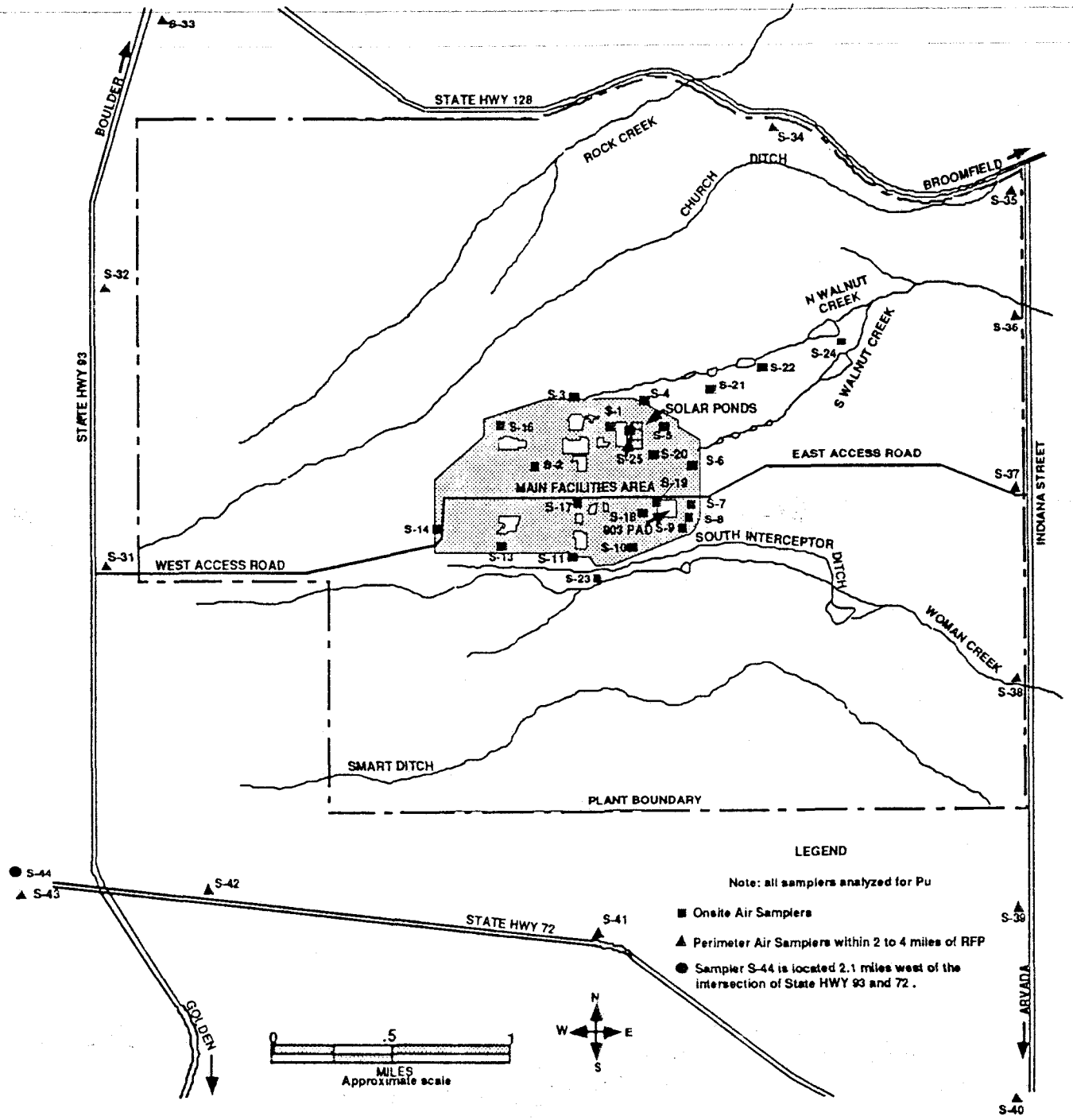


Figure 1: Location of Onsite and Perimeter Air Samplers

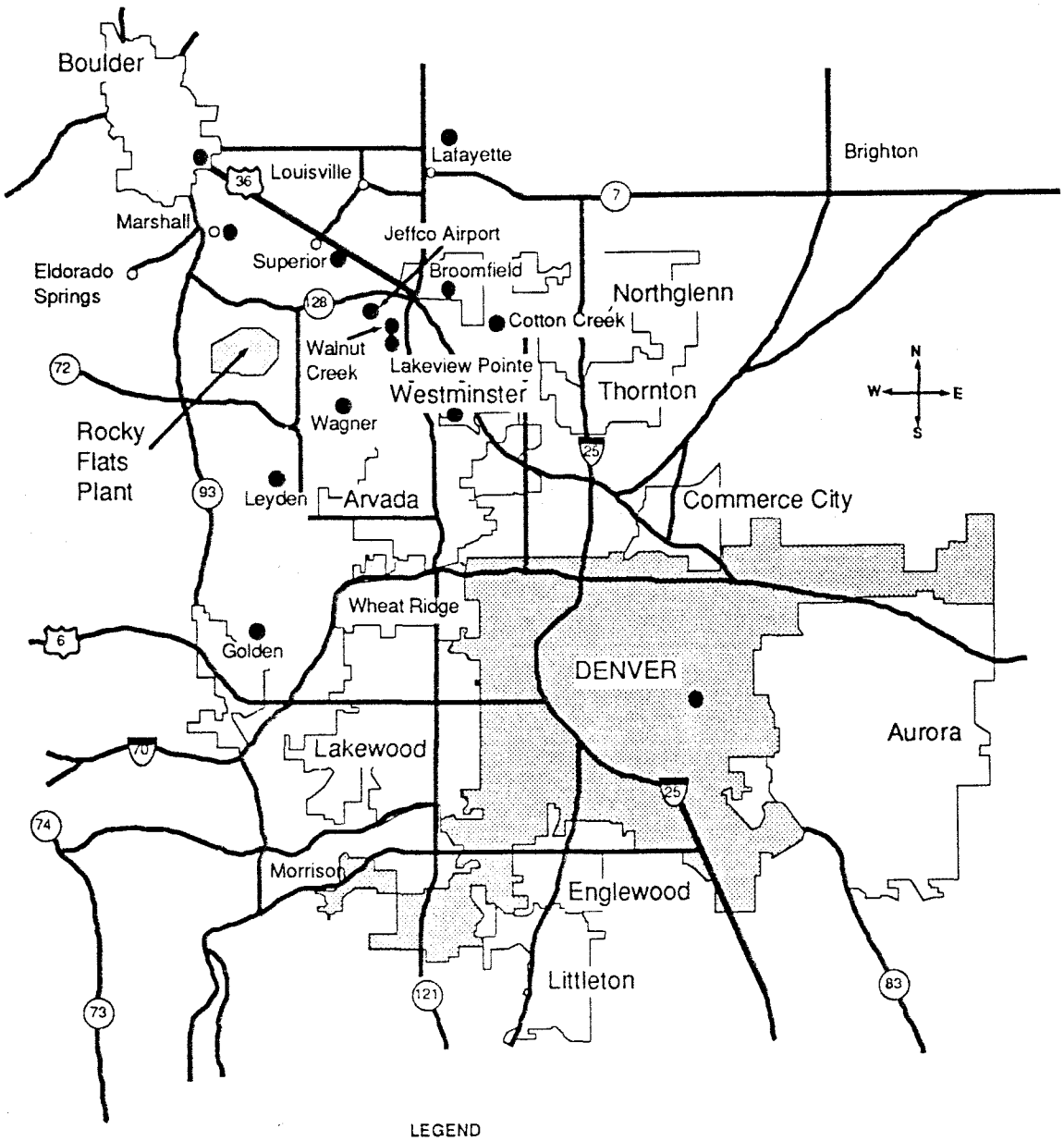


Figure 2: Location of Community Air Samplers

Table 7

Onsite Water Sample Results - Plutonium and Americium

Holding Pond Outfall (pCi/l)

Location	Plutonium-239, -240	Americium-241
Pond A-4		
07/11/92 - 07/17/92	a	a
07/18/92 - 07/24/92	a	a
Volume weighted average concentration	a	a
Pond B-5 - No discharge		
Pond C-1		
07/04/92 - 07/10/92	a	a
07/11/92 - 07/17/92	a	a
07/18/92 - 07/24/92	a	a
07/25/92 - 07/31/92	a	a
Average concentration	a	a
Pond C-2 - No discharge		
Walnut Creek at Indiana		
07/11/92 - 07/17/92	a	a
07/18/92 - 07/24/92	a	a
Volume weighted average concentration	a	a

[a] Incomplete lab analysis.

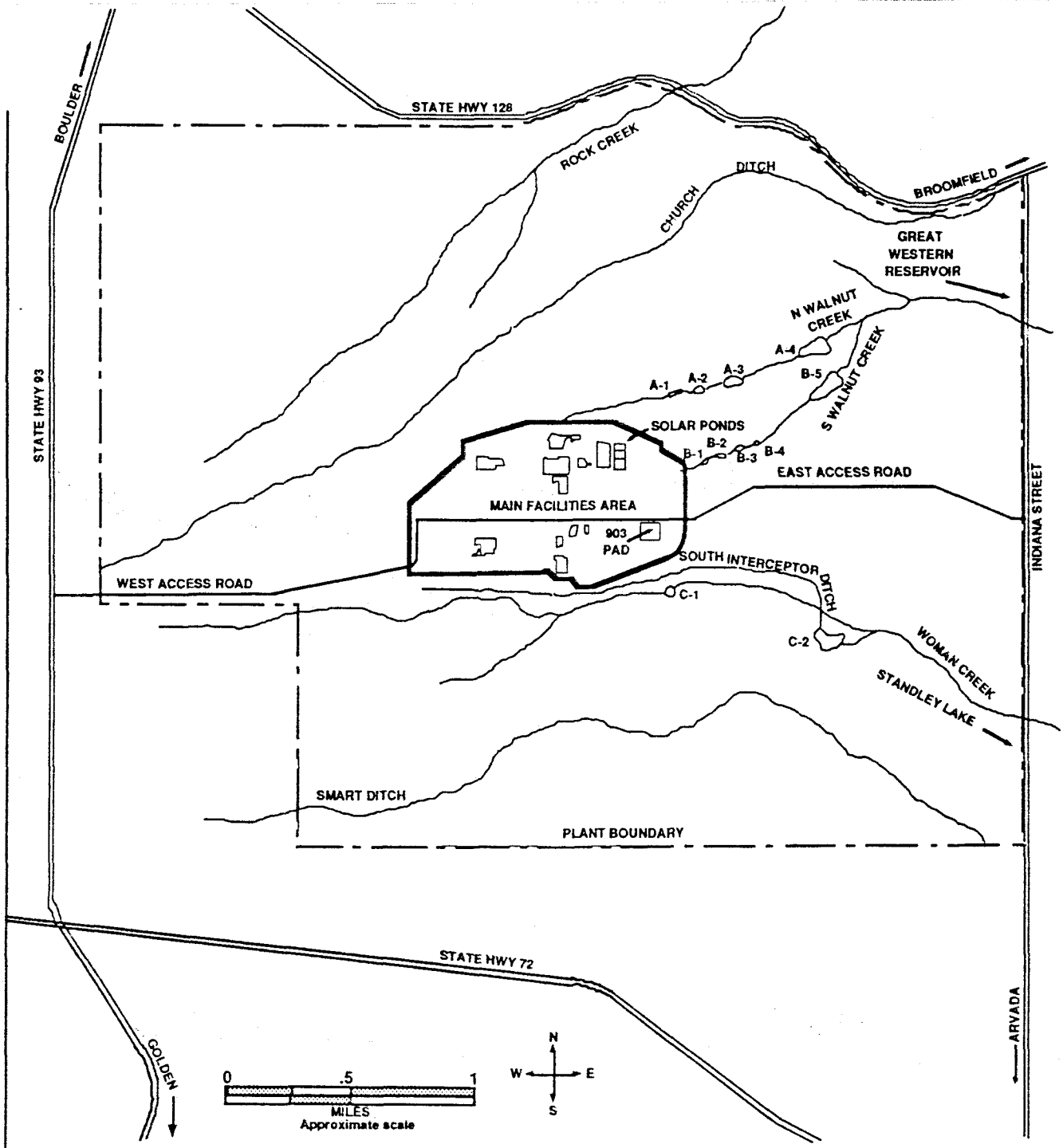
Table 8

Onsite Water Sample Results - Uranium

Holding Pond Outfall (pCi/l)

Location	Uranium-233, -234	Uranium-238
Pond A-4		
07/11/92 - 07/17/92	a	a
07/18/92 - 07/24/92	a	a
Volume weighted average concentration	a	a
Pond B-5 - No discharge		
Pond C-1		
07/04/92 - 07/10/92	a	a
07/11/92 - 07/17/92	a	a
07/18/92 - 07/24/92	a	a
07/25/92 - 07/31/92	a	a
Average concentration	a	a
Pond C-2 - No discharge		
Walnut Creek at Indiana		
07/11/92 - 07/17/92	a	a
07/18/92 - 07/24/92	a	a
Volume weighted average concentration	a	a

[a] Incomplete lab analysis.



Note: Stream flow in the Rocky Flats area is to the east.

Figure 3: Holding Pond and Liquid Effluent Watercourses

Table 9

Offsite Water Sample Results - Plutonium and Americium

Location	Number of Samples	Plutonium-239, -240[a]	Americium-241[a]
Reservoirs (pCi/l)			
Great Western	1[b]		
Standley Lake	1[b]		
Community Tap Water (pCi/l)[a]			
Boulder	1[b]		
Broomfield	1[b]		
Westminster	1[b]		

[a] Incomplete lab analysis.

[b] Plutonium and americium analyses were performed on one sample composited from four weekly grab samples.

Table 10

Offsite Water Sample Results - Uranium

Reservoirs (pCi/l)

Location	Number of Samples	Uranium-233, -234[a]	Uranium-238[a]
Great Western	1[b]		
Standley Lake	1[b]		

Community Tap Water (pCi/l)[a]

Boulder	1[b]		
Broomfield	1[b]		
Westminster	1[b]		

[a] Incomplete lab analysis.
[b] Uranium analyses were performed on one sample composited from four weekly grab samples.

Table 11

Onsite and Offsite Water Sample Results - Tritium

		Tritium (pCi/l)		
Location	Number of Samples	C Minimum[a]	C Maximum[a]	C Average[a]
Pond A-4[b]				
Pond C-1				
Boulder				
Broomfield				
Great Western				
Standley Lake				
Westminster				
Walnut at Indiana[b]				

[a] Incomplete lab analysis.
[b] Volume weighted average concentration.

Table 12

Offsite Water Sample Results - Nitrate as Nitrogen

Nitrate (as N) at Great Western Reservoir

Sample Date	Nitrate (as N) (mg/l)
07/02/92	0.07
07/09/92	0.07
07/16/92	0.18
07/23/92	0.09
07/30/92	0.08

Nitrate (as N) at Standley Lake

07/02/92	0.15
07/09/92	0.30
07/16/92	0.19
07/23/92	0.20
07/30/92	0.20

Note: For some nonradioactive parameters, the concentrations that are measured at or below the Minimum Detectable Concentration (MDC) are assigned to MDC. The less than symbol (<) indicates MDC values and calculated values that include one or more MDCs.

Table 13

NPDES/FFCA Permit Water Sample Results

Discharge 001-A (Pond B-3) Discharged continuously from 07/01/92 - 07/31/92.

Parameters		Measured 30-Day Average	Limit 30-Day Average	Measured Max. 7-Day Average	Limit Max. 7-Day Average
Nitrate	mg/l	3.0	10	3.9	20

		Measured Maximum	Limit Maximum
Total Residual Chlorine	mg/l	0.15	0.5

Discharge 001-B (Sewage Treatment Plant) Discharged continuously from 07/01/92 - 07/31/92.

Parameters		Measured 30-Day Average	Limit 30-Day Average	Measured Maximum	Limit Maximum
CBOD5	mg/l	2.0	10	3.4	25
Total Phosphorus	mg/l	0.2	8	0.7	12
Total Chromium	mg/l	<0.007	0.05	<0.007	0.10

		Measured 30-Day Average	Limit 30-Day Average	Measured Max. 7-Day Average	Limit Max. 7-Day Average
Fecal Coliforms	#/100 ml	<1 (Geometric)	200 (Geometric)	<1 (Geometric)	400 (Geometric)
Total Suspended Solids	mg/l	5	30	7	45

		Measured Minimum	Limit Minimum	Measured Maximum	Limit Maximum
pH	SU	4.1	6.0	7.7	9.0

	Observed Sheen	Limit Sheen
Oil and Grease	No visual	No visual

Discharge 002 (Pond A-3) No discharge

Parameters		Measured 30-Day Average	Limit 30-Day Average	Measured Maximum	Limit Maximum
Nitrates as N	mg/l		10		20

		Measured Minimum	Limit Minimum	Measured Maximum	Limit Maximum
pH	SU		6.0		9.0

Table 13

NPDES/FFCA Permit Water Sample Results (Continued)

Discharge 003 (RO Pilot Plant) and Discharge 004 (RO Plant) are inactive outfalls and will be eliminated from the new NPDES permit.

Discharge 005 (Pond A-4) Discharged continuously from 07/11/92 - 07/24/92.

Parameters		Measured Maximum	Limit Maximum
Total Chromium	mg/l	<0.007	0.05

Discharge 006 (Pond B-5) No discharge

Parameters		Measured 30-Day Average	Limit 30-Day Average	Measured Max. 7-Day Maximum	Limit Max. 7-Day Maximum
Nitrate as N[a]	mg/l		10		20

		Measured Maximum	Limit Maximum
Total Residual Chlorine[a]	mg/l		0.5
Total Chromium	mg/l		0.05

Discharge 007 (Pond C-2) No discharge

Parameters		Measured Maximum	Limit Maximum
Total Chromium	mg/l		0.05

[a] These parameters are measured only in the event that Waste Water Treatment Plant effluent bypasses Pond B-3 and flows directly into Pond B-5.

Table 14

NPDES/FFCA Effluent Monitoring

Discharge 001-A (Pond B-3) Discharged continuously from 07/01/92 - 07/31/92.

Parameters		Measured Maximum	Measured 30-Day Average
BOD5	mg/l	9.9	6.5
CBOD5	mg/l	3.6	2.6
Total Suspended Solids	mg/l	8.5	5.4

Discharge 001-B (Sewage Treatment Plant [STP]) Discharged continuously from 07/01/92 - 07/31/92.

Parameters		Measured Maximum	Measured 30-Day Average
Nitrate as N	mg/l	5.37	4.03
Total Residual Chlorine	mg/l	0.14	0.02

Whole Effluent Toxicity[a] Sampled quarterly; data reported June 1992.

Ceriodaphnia % Eff to LC_{50}:

Fathead Minnows % Eff to LC_{50}:

		Measured 30-Day Average
Metals		
Antimony	ug/l	<16.0
Arsenic	ug/l	<1.0
Beryllium	ug/l	<1.0
Cadmium	ug/l	<0.2
Copper	ug/l	<4.0
Iron	ug/l	93.5
Lead	ug/l	1.1
Manganese	ug/l	29
Mercury	ug/l	<0.2
Nickel	ug/l	<13
Silver	ug/l	0.23
Zinc	ug/l	36.4

Metals were sampled on 07/01/92 and 07/08/92.

		PQL[b]	Concentrations that were above PQL	
Volatile Organic Compounds (VOCs)	ug/l			
Chloroform		5 ug/l	11 ug/l	Sampled on 07/01/92.
Chloroform		5 ug/l	9 ug/l	Sampled on 07/15/92.

Table 14

NPDES/FFCA Effluent Monitoring (Continued)

Discharge 003 (Reverse Osmosis Pilot Plant) and Discharge 004 (Reverse Osmosis Plant) are inactive outfalls and will be eliminated from the new NPDES permit.

Discharge 005 (Pond A-4) Sampled quarterly; data reported June 1992.

Whole Effluent Toxicity[a]

Ceriodaphnia	% Eff to LC_{50}:
Fathead Minnows	% Eff to LC_{50}:

Discharge 006 (Pond B-5) No discharge

Whole Effluent Toxicity[a]

Ceriodaphnia	% Eff to LC_{50}:
Fathead Minnows	% Eff to LC_{50}:

Discharge 007 (Pond C-2) No discharge

Whole Effluent Toxicity[a]

Ceriodaphnia	% Eff to LC_{50}:
Fathead Minnows	% Eff to LC_{50}:

a Results for whole effluent toxicity are given in percentage of effluent sample that will cause mortality to half the test result organisms within the time frame of the test. For example, >100 percent indicates that 100 percent pure effluent did not cause acute toxicity to at least half of the organisms. A lower percentage LC_{50} (lethal concentration to 50 percent of test organisms) indicates a greater toxic effect since less of the sample is required to observe a sufficiently extensive adverse effect.

b PQL is the Practical Quantitation Limit. It is equal to ten times the Method Detection Limit and represents the quantity at which 70 percent of laboratories can report in the 95 percent confidence interval.

Table 15

Water Sample Results, Nonradioactive Parameters

Walnut Creek at Indiana Street

Parameters		Number of Samples	C Minimum	C Maximum	C Average
pH	SU	13	6.94	8.5	N/A
Nitrates as N	mg/l	13	1.03	1.88	1.40

Flow was measured from 07/12/92 - 07/24/92.

Table 16

Daily Flow Data Recorded at the Walnut Creek at Indiana Gaging Station, Ponds A-4 and B-5

Date	Walnut Creek at Indiana (Gallons)	Pond A-4 (Gallons)	Pond B-5 (Gallons)
07/01/92	No flow	No discharge	No discharge
07/02/92			
07/03/92			
07/04/92			
07/05/92			
07/06/92			
07/07/92			
07/08/92			
07/09/92			
07/10/92		No discharge	
07/11/92	No flow	152,000	
07/12/92	1,273,000	1,254,000	
07/13/92	1,265,000	1,414,000	
07/14/92	1,390,000	1,289,000	
07/15/92	1,333,000	1,670,000	
07/16/92	1,335,000	1,203,000	
07/17/92	1,192,000	958,000	
07/18/92	1,239,000	1,223,000	
07/19/92	1,211,000	1,118,000	
07/20/92	1,215,000	972,000	
07/21/92	1,379,000	1,380,000	
07/22/92	1,352,000	1,263,000	
07/23/92	1,351,000	1,203,000	
07/24/92	1,176,000	1,177,000	
07/25/92	No flow	No discharge	
07/26/92			
07/27/92			
07/28/92			
07/29/92			
07/30/92			
07/31/92	No flow	No discharge	No discharge
Total	16,711,000	16,276,000	No discharge

Table 17

Daily Flow Data Recorded at Ponds C-1 and C-2 (Woman Creek)

Date	Pond C-1 (Gallons)	Pond C-2 (Gallons)
07/01/92	12,500	No discharge
07/02/92	12,500	
07/03/92	16,000	
07/04/92	8,000	
07/05/92	Low flow	
07/06/92		
07/07/92		
07/08/92		
07/09/92		
07/10/92		
07/11/92		
07/12/92		
07/13/92		
07/14/92		
07/15/92		
07/16/92		
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07/18/92		
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07/20/92		
07/21/92		
07/22/92		
07/23/92		
07/24/92		
07/25/92		
07/26/92		
07/27/92		
07/28/92		
07/29/92		
07/30/92		
07/31/92	Low flow	No discharge
Total	49,000[a]	No discharge

[a] Total volume from Pond C-1 is an estimate. Flow was too low to quantify from 07/05/92 - 07/31/92.

Table 18

Daily Transfer Flow Data Recorded for Pond B-5 to Pond A-4

Date	Pond B-5 to Pond A-4 (gallons)
07/01/92	No transfer
07/02/92	
07/03/92	
07/04/92	
07/05/92	
07/06/92	
07/07/92	
07/08/92	
07/09/92	
07/10/92	
07/11/92	
07/12/92	
07/13/92	
07/14/92	
07/15/92	
07/16/92	
07/17/92	
07/18/92	
07/19/92	
07/20/92	
07/21/92	
07/23/92	No transfer
07/24/92	404,000
07/25/92	1,438,000
07/26/92	1,416,000
07/27/92	1,353,000
07/28/92	1,339,000
07/29/92	1,289,000
07/30/92	955,000
07/31/92	481,000
Total	8,675,000

Site Meteorology and Climatology

Meteorological data were collected on the plantsite during July 1992 from instrumentation installed on a 61-meter (200-foot) tower located in the west buffer zone. Meteorological information in this report represents over 99 percent data recovery. Table 19 is the July 1992 summary of the percent frequency of wind directions (16 compass points) divided into four wind-speed categories. The compass point designations indicate the true bearing when facing against the wind. These frequency values are represented graphically in the accompanying wind rose. The wind rose vectors also represent the bearing against the wind (i.e., wind along each vector blows toward the center).

Winds from the west through northwest generally occur most frequently at the Rocky Flats Plant, especially when speeds are greater than 3 m/s (6.7 mph). At lighter wind speeds less than 3 m/s (6.7 mph), the distribution of wind direction is more even. Wind speeds greater than 7 m/s (15.7 mph) from the east-southeast through south occur infreqently. The distribution of winds during July 1992 shows more frequent northerly and southeasterly winds, probably indicating thermally-driven, daytime winds flowing up the South Platte River Basin and the Rocky Flats slope, respectively. Up-valley and up-slope winds are especially common during summer months when solar heating is strong.

July was much colder and somewhat drier than normal. The month continued to experience unusually frequent and strong outbreaks of Canadian air masses for summer. The high temperature failed to reach 21 °C (70 °F) on July 1, July 2, and July 16, when the high temperature was only 15 °C (59 °F). Conversely, the high temperature reached 32 °C (90 °F) only once -- 33 °C (91 °F) on July 6.

The mean wind speed during July was 3.4 m/s (7.6 mph). The peak gust during the month was 25 m/s (56 mph), which occurred on July 31. The mean temperature recorded for July was 18.7 °C (65.6 °F), or about 2.8 centigrade degrees (5.0 Fahrenheit degrees) below normal.

While some surrounding areas received heavy rains during July, the RFP received only 3.3 cm (1.30 inches) of precipitation. The greatest daily rainfalls occurred on July 8 and 25, with about 0.6 cm (0.23 inches). The peak 15-minute rainfall of 0.53 cm (0.21 inches) fell on July 8 and 25.

Table 19

Rocky Flats Plant Wind Direction Frequency (Percent) by Four Wind-Speed Classes

(Fifteen-Minute Averages - July 1992)

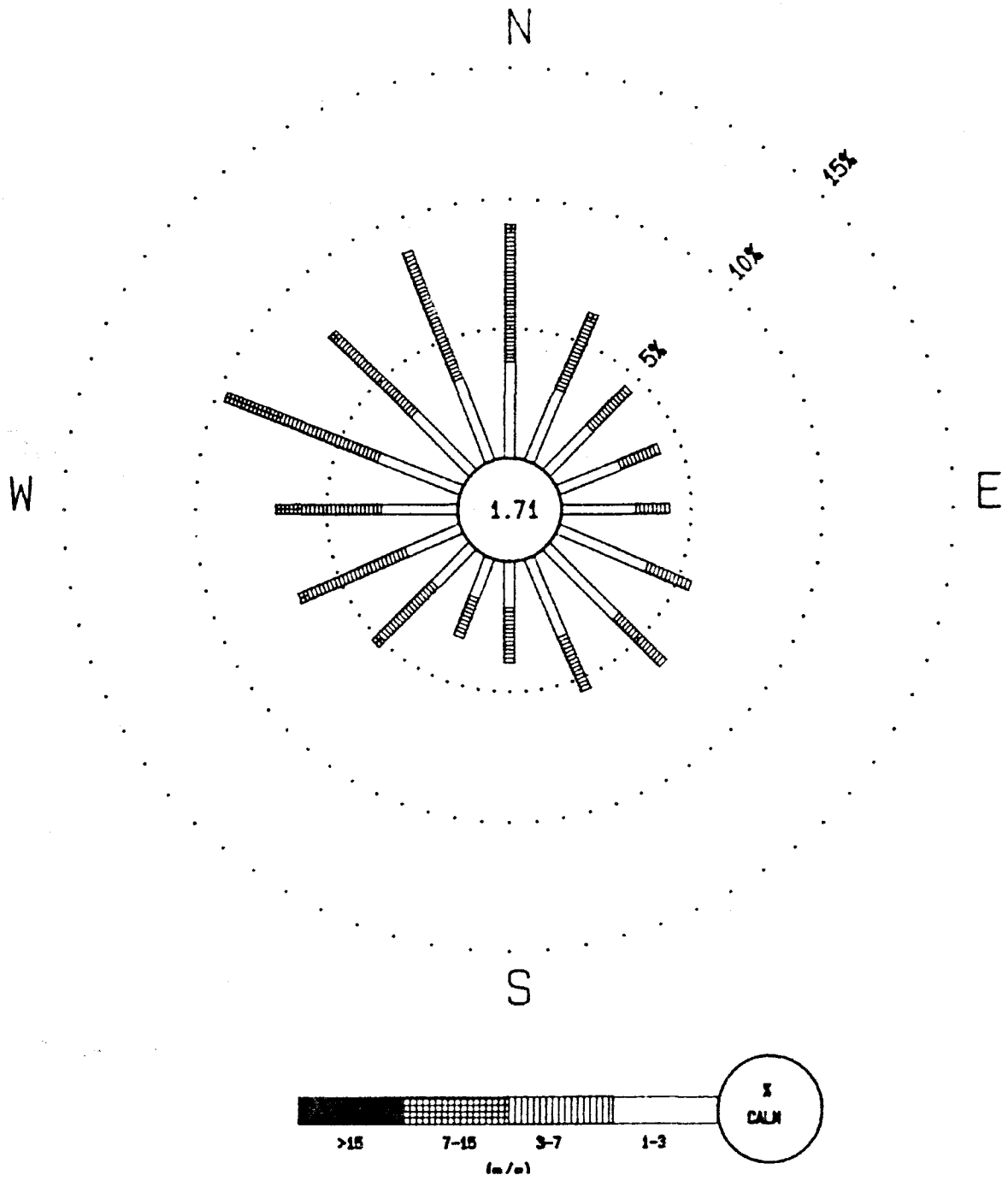
	Calm	1-3 (m/s)	3-7 (m/s)	7-15 (m/s)	>15 (m/s)	Total
N	-	3.70	5.11	0.27	0.00	9.07
NNE	-	2.99	2.99	0.30	0.00	6.28
NE	-	2.49	2.08	0.00	0.00	4.57
ENE	-	2.65	1.65	0.03	0.00	4.33
E	-	2.96	1.31	0.00	0.00	4.27
ESE	-	3.83	1.78	0.00	0.00	5.62
SE	-	3.93	2.55	0.00	0.00	6.49
SSE	-	3.29	2.18	0.00	0.00	5.48
S	-	1.81	2.15	0.07	0.00	4.03
SSW	-	1.58	1.55	0.00	0.00	3.13
SW	-	2.15	2.96	0.20	0.00	5.31
WSW	-	2.18	4.00	0.17	0.00	6.35
W	-	2.89	3.16	0.97	0.00	7.02
WNW	-	3.39	4.00	2.28	0.00	9.68
NW	-	3.23	4.27	0.30	0.00	7.80
NNW	-	3.39	5.34	0.13	0.00	8.87
Total	1.71	46.47	47.08	4.74	0.00	100.00

Table 20

Climatic Summary

	TEMPERATURE AND DEWPOINT				WIND SPEED		PRECIPITATION		PRESSURE
Date	High (°F)	Low	Mean	Dew-point	Mean (mph)	Maximum (1 sec)	Total Inches	Maximum (15 min)	Actual Mean (Millibars)
07/01/92	67.1	51.1	59.1	47.8	6.3	18.6	0.00	0.00	808
07/02/92	65.7	44.4	55.1	41.5	7.4	35.6	0.04	0.03	813
07/03/92	76.8	46.2	61.5	40.5	6.3	17.9	0.00	0.00	816
07/04/92	85.8	59.2	72.5	39.2	6.7	17.7	0.00	0.00	814
07/05/92	83.3	62.1	72.7	48.0	7.2	24.8	0.01	0.01	814
07/06/92	90.7	62.2	76.5	44.4	6.5	21.3	0.00	0.00	814
07/07/92	78.1	59.5	68.8	45.9	8.7	29.1	0.11	0.10	816
07/08/92	71.8	58.6	65.2	44.4	12.1	43.8	0.22	0.21	818
07/09/92	81.7	56.3	69.0	40.3	11.4	35.1	0.00	0.00	816
07/10/92	76.5	54.5	65.5	46.6	6.7	24.6	0.00	0.00	816
07/11/92	82.0	53.4	67.7	46.6	7.4	33.3	0.00	0.00	811
07/12/92	68.2	54.9	61.6	45.1	8.1	23.3	0.20	0.04	811
07/13/92	73.4	53.6	63.5	41.5	7.4	31.1	0.02	0.02	813
07/14/92	81.0	58.8	69.9	38.7	9.2	30.9	0.00	0.00	815
07/15/92	76.8	52.5	64.7	43.0	10.7	31.3	0.04	0.02	814
07/16/92	59.2	47.8	53.5	43.3	6.5	18.8	0.00	0.00	817
07/17/92	70.5	46.9	58.7	44.1	6.5	25.7	0.07	0.05	820
07/18/92	81.3	56.8	69.1	42.1	7.8	20.1	0.04	0.04	819
07/19/92	75.9	50.7	63.3	44.2	7.8	30.9	0.12	0.05	818
07/20/92	71.8	51.1	61.5	48.0	5.6	25.5	0.12	0.12	819
07/21/92	79.9	50.4	65.2	48.6	6.5	21.0	0.00	0.00	814
07/22/92	75.6	53.6	64.6	45.7	6.7	21.5	0.00	0.00	816
07/23/92	81.0	53.8	67.4	46.4	7.8	34.9	0.06	0.03	815
07/24/92	81.3	54.7	68.0	47.8	7.4	34.0	0.00	0.00	817
07/25/92	72.5	54.0	63.3	49.3	6.3	26.6	0.23	0.09	820
07/26/92	76.1	52.9	64.5	50.4	5.4	19.2	0.02	0.01	820
07/27/92	82.4	57.0	69.7	38.8	6.5	16.3	0.00	0.00	820
07/28/92	84.9	62.8	73.9	37.9	9.2	38.0	0.00	0.00	819
07/29/92	79.9	57.6	68.8	40.1	11.9	53.0	0.00	0.00	816
07/30/92	75.4	53.1	64.3	44.4	5.6	24.4	0.00	0.00	819
07/31/92	80.2	48.6	64.4	41.9	7.8	56.4	0.00	0.00	819

	MONTHLY TEMPERATURES			WINDSPEED		PRECIPITATION		PRESSURE
Mean High (°F)	Mean Low	Mean	Mean Dew-point	Mean (mph)	Monthly Maximum	Total	Monthly Maximum	Monthly Average
77.0	54.2	65.6	44.1	7.7	56.4	1.30	0.21	816



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Appendix A

Radiation Standards for Protection of the Public

Calculation of Potential Plant Contribution to Public Radiation Dose

The primary standards for protection of the public from radiation are based on radiation dose. Radiation dose is a means of quantifying the biological damage or risk of ionizing radiation. The unit of radiation dose is the rem or the millirem (1 rem = 1,000 mrem). Radiation protection standards for the public are annual standards, based on the projected radiation dose from a year's exposure to or intake of radioactive materials.

Radiation dose is a calculated value. It is calculated by multiplying radioactivity concentrations in air and water or on contaminated surfaces by assumed intake rates (for internal exposures) or by exposure times (for external exposure to penetrating radiation), then by the appropriate radiation dose conversion factors. That is:

Radiation Dose = Radioactivity Concentration x Intake Rate/Exposure Time x Dose Conversion Factor

Radioactivity concentrations can be determined either by measurements in the environment or by calculations using computer models. These computer models perform airborne dispersion/dose modeling of measured building radioactivity effluents and estimated diffuse source term emissions (e.g., from resuspension from contaminated soil areas).

DOE Radiation Protection Standards for the Public

ICRP-Recommended Standards for all Pathways:

Temporary Increase - 500 mrem-year Effective Dose Equivalent (with prior approval of DOE EH-2)

Normal Operations - 100 mrem/year Effective Dose Equivalent

EPA Clean Air Act Standards for the Air Pathway Only:

10 mrem-year Effective Dose Equivalent

Assumed intake rates and dose conversion factors used are based on recommendations of national and international radiation protection advisory organizations, such as the National Council on Radiation Protection and Measurements (NCRP) and the International Commission on Radiological Protection (ICRP).

Radioactive materials of importance in calculating radiation dose to the public from Rocky Flats Plant (RFP) activities include plutonium, uranium, americium, and tritium. Alpha radiation emissions from plutonium, uranium, and americium are primary contributors to the projected radiation dose.

DOE Derived Concentration Guides for Radionuclides of Interest at the Rocky Flats Plant

Air Inhalation:

Radionuclide	DCG (pCi/m3)
Plutonium-239, -240	0.02

Water Ingestion:

Radionuclide	DCG (pCi/l)
Plutonium-239, -240	30
Americium-241	30
Uranium-233, -234	500
Uranium-238	600
Hydrogen-3 (Tritium)	2,000,000

Potential public radiation dose commitments, which could have resulted from plant operations and from background (i.e., non-Plant) contributions, are calculated from average radionuclide concentrations measured at the Department of Energy (DOE) property boundary and in surrounding communities. Inhalation and water ingestion are the principal potential pathways of human exposure.

On February 8, 1990, DOE adopted DOE Order 5400.5, "Radiation Protection of the Public and the Environment," a radiation protection standard for DOE environmental activities (US 90). This standard incorporates guidance from the International Commission on Radiological Protection (ICRP), as well as from the Environmental Protection Agency Clean Air Act air emission standards (as implemented in 40 CFR 61, Subpart H). Included in DOE Order 5400.5 is a revision of the dose limits for members of the public. Tables of radiation dose conversion factors currently used for calculating dose from intakes of radioactive materials were issued in July 1988 (US88a, US88b). The dose factors are based on the ICRP Publications 30 and 48 methodology and biological models for radiation dosimetry. The DOE Order 5400.5 and the dose conversion factor tables are used for assessment of any potential RFP contribution to public radiation dose. On December 15, 1989, EPA published revised Clean Air Act air emission standards for DOE facilities (US89). DOE radiation standards for protection of the public are given in this Appendix and include the December 15, 1989, EPA Clean Air Act air pathway standards.

DOE Derived Concentration Guides

Secondary radioactivity concentration guides can be calculated from the primary radiation dose standards and used as comparison values for measured radioactivity concentrations. DOE provides tables of these "Derived Concentration Guides" - in Order 5400.5. Derived Concentration Guides (DCGs) are the concentrations that would result in an effective dose equivalent of 100 mrem from one year's chronic exposure or intake. In calculating air inhalation DCGs, DOE assumes that the exposed individual inhales 8,400

cubic meters of air at the calculated DCG during the year. Ingestion DCGs assume a water intake of 730 liters at the calculated DCG for the year. The table on page 40 lists the most restrictive air and water DCGs for the principal radionuclides of interest at the RFP.

Compliance with EPA Clean Air Act Standards

To determine compliance with the EPA air emissions standards, measured airborne effluent radioactivity emissions are entered into the EPA-approved atmospheric dispersion/dose calculation computer model, AIRDOS-PC, for calculation of the maximum radiation dose that an individual in the public could receive from the air pathway only.

For comparison with the annual radiation dose standards for protection of the public, the maximum annual effective dose equivalent that a member of the public could receive as a result of RFP activities is typically less than 1 mrem, or less than 1 percent of the recommended annual standard for all pathways.

Dose Equivalent and Effective Dose Equivalent (EDE)

Dose equivalent is a calculated value used to quantify radiation dose; it reflects the degree of biological effect from ionizing radiation. Differences in the biological effect of different types of ionizing radiation (e.g., alpha, beta, gamma, or x-rays) are accounted for in the calculation of dose equivalent.

EDE is a calculated value used to allow comparisons of total health risk (based primarily on the risk of cancer mortality) from exposures of different types of ionizing radiation to different body organs. It is calculated by first calculating the dose equivalent to those organs receiving significant exposures, multiplying each organ dose equivalent by a health risk weighting factor, and then summing those products. One millirem EDE from natural background radiation would have the same health risk as one millirem EDE from an artificially produced source of radiation.

References

US88a DOE/EH-0070, "External Dose-Rate Conversion Factors for Calculation of Dose to the Public," United States Department of Energy, Asst. Secretary for Environment, Safety and Health, July 1988.

US88b DOE/EH-0071, "Internal Dose Conversion Factors for Calculation of Dose to the Public," United States Department of Energy, Asst. Secretary of Environment, Safety and Health, July 1988.

US89 United States Environmental Protection Agency, Code of Federal Regulations 40 CFR 61, Subpart H, "National Emission Standards for Emissions of Radionuclides other than Radon from Department of Energy Facilities," Washington, D.C., December 15, 1989.

US90 United States Department of Energy, DOE Order 5400.5, "Radiation Protection of the Public and the Environment," Washington, D.C., February 8, 1990.

Appendix B

National Pollution Discharge Elimination System/Federal Facilities Compliance Agreement Volatile Organic Compounds

The following is a list of volatile organic compounds (VOCs) for which monitoring is required by the Environmental Protection Agency National Pollution Discharge Elimination System/Federal Facilities Compliance Agreement (NPDES/FFCA).

Compound	PQL (µg/l)	Compound	PQL (µg/l)
Benzene	5	1,3-dichloropropylene	5
Bromoform	5	Ethylbenzene	5
Methyl bromide	10	Methyl chloride	10
Carbon Tetrachloride	5	Methylene chloride	5
Chlorobenzene	5	1,1,2,2-tetrachloroethane	5
Chlorodibromomethane	5	Tetrachloroethylene	5
Chloroethane	10	Toluene	5
Chloroform	5	1,2-trans-dichloroethylene	5
Dichlorobromomethane	5	1,1,1-trichloroethane	5
1,1-dichloroethane	5	1,1,2-trichloroethane	5
1,2-dichloroethane	5	Trichloroethylene	5
1,1-dichloroethylene	5	Vinyl chloride	10
1,2-dichloropropane	5		

Appendix C

Colorado Water Quality Control Commission Standards

The Colorado Water Quality Control Commission has promulgated new standards for the Walnut Creek and Woman Creek drainages downstream from the Rocky Flats Plant. The Environmental Protection Agency has not yet written a new National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System permit that reflects these standards; however, in the spirit of the Agreement in Principle completed between the Department of Energy and the State of Colorado, the plant is attempting to meet the standards at this time.

Appendix D

Corrections and Updates for Previously Reported Information

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